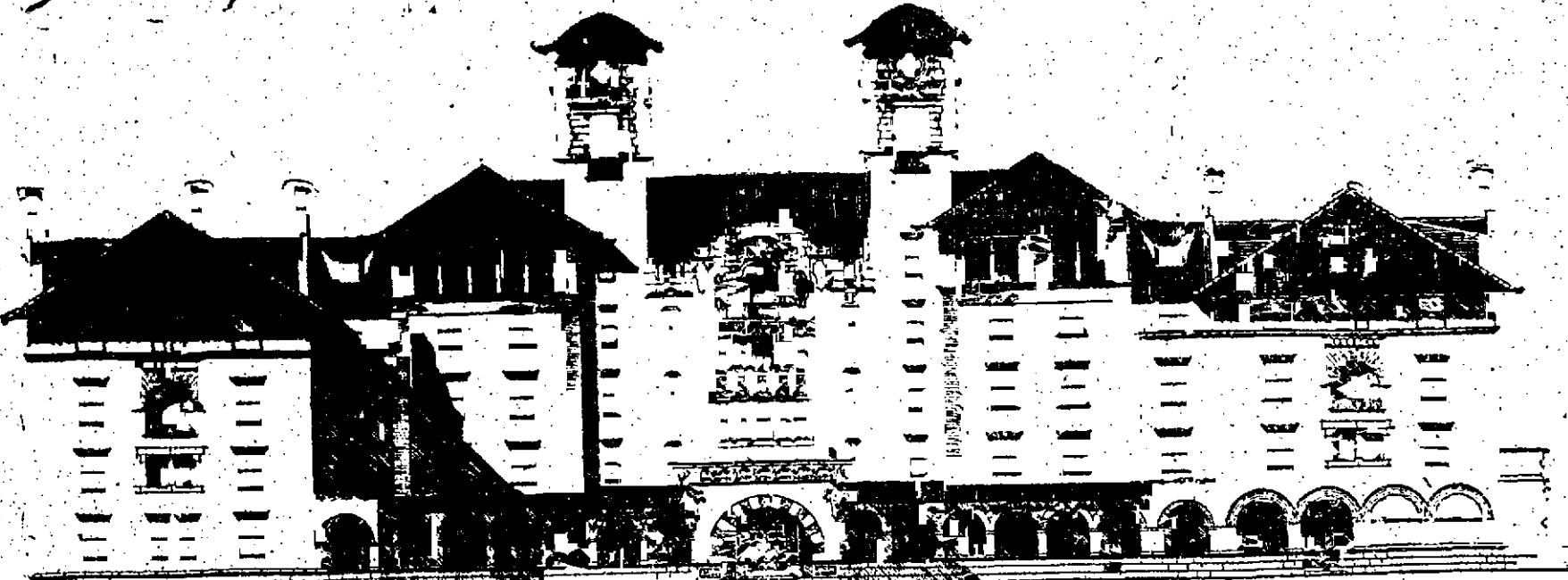


PROPOSED ANTILERS HOTEL



Cascade Avenue Elevation

MacLaren, Chicago
Architect

CASCADE AVENUE FRONT NEW ANTILERS.
(Plan of Mr. MacLaren.)

The Accepted Design and Plan of the Antilers Hotel, Colorado Springs, First Time

PROMISES OF THE HOTEL COMPANY ARE BEING FULFILLED

First Opportunity of the People to See and Hear as to the Arrangement of the New Hotel for the Hotel of Pike's Peak Avenue—Letter Sent to Mr. MacLaren by the Colorado Springs Hotel Company, in Appreciation of His Services.

At five minutes before three on the first of last October, a new epoch in the history of Colorado Springs began. At that moment the eyes of the whole city were turned toward the vicinity of the Gulf railroad depot whence great volumes of smoke were rising and bearing off to northward. Every ear heard the loud and frequent peals of the big bell in the city hall, the rattle of wheels and clatter of gongs and the shrill blasts of locomotive whistles. It was a moment of terror, for with the hurricane that had been blowing since early morning, it was well known that Colorado Springs was to experience the most disastrous conflagration, and people numbering into the thousands believed the city was to be swept from the map.

It took the Antilers. The next morning Colorado Springs was still in existence, but the people were sad. The Antilers were gone. Ever since the city became known to the tourist and traveling public, the Antilers had been known. The beautiful hotel, that had sheltered the most distinguished guests who had visited Colorado Springs, which is to say the greatest people of the world, for many of them have been among the visitors who have visited Colorado Springs, was in ashes. A lone fireman was still directing a stream at each spark or burst of flame as it was discovered. The Antilers was destroyed.

The Gazette gave out in the morning, on unquestionable authority, that the hotel would be rebuilt and be better than the old. The people waited for months. Later on they were informed that plans had been asked for, and would be submitted to the hotel company on April 20. Last week the Gazette gave out the glad news that plans had been accepted, and that the new Antilers would be soon under way for the new Antilers, and this morning

consideration the plan of Messrs. Varian & Sterner was accepted.

Colorado Holds Her Own.

Although the company regretted more than can well be expressed, that the plans of either of the architects who had shown themselves so eminently qualified to design the building must be laid aside, one fact has been developed from the competition of which Colorado Springs and the entire state is justly proud. That is that Colorado has architects of her own to call upon when in need of the best thing known to their profession, who can more than hold their own against the competition of eastern men. Three of the eastern men and firms who were among the six competitors for the Antilers work are already known in Colorado Springs by work which they have done. Andrews, Jacques & Rantoul, of Boston, who planned the Equitable building in Denver, the Coburn library and the new Perkins Memorial building for Colorado college in this city; Peabody & Stearns, of Boston, who prepared the plans for the old building of the Antilers; and the Kansas City firm of Van Brunt & Howe, are those already known by work in this city, and it is undoubtedly a matter that will receive due consideration from those who contemplate making use of architectural services in the future. The opinion of many that it is necessary to go east to procure good designs, is completely dispelled since in the judgment of disinterested and eminently capable judges all the eastern competition was exceeded by the work of both Varian & Sterner and Mr. MacLaren.

Both Plans Are Given.

In order that the people of Colorado Springs may know that the matter was a difficult one to decide, the Cascade avenue elevation for both Varian & Sterner's and Mr. MacLaren's work are submitted. In the design by Mr. MacLaren, attention is called to the arrangement of dining rooms, a feature which is in line with the location of the kitchen and working department generally, so essential for the success of an hotel, were considered to be extremely satisfactory in the case of this design.

Another fact concerning the plan of Mr. MacLaren is that it is drawn upon a smaller scale than that of his competitors. The effect of this is to give to the unobtrusive impression that the rooms are small in comparison to those in the other design, which in fact is not the case.

Appreciation of the Company.

The story of the hard struggle for a decision in the matter of plans for the new building is told perhaps as well as in any other way by the letter which was sent to Mr. MacLaren by the hotel company when a decision was finally reached. The letter is published by consent of Mr. MacLaren and is as follows:

May 21, 1899.

Dear Mr. MacLaren:

I regret to advise you that the Colorado Springs Hotel company has decided to award the construction of the new "Antilers Hotel" to one of your five competitors, Messrs. Varian & Sterner, of Denver, between whom and you a second competition was a ranged some ten days ago.

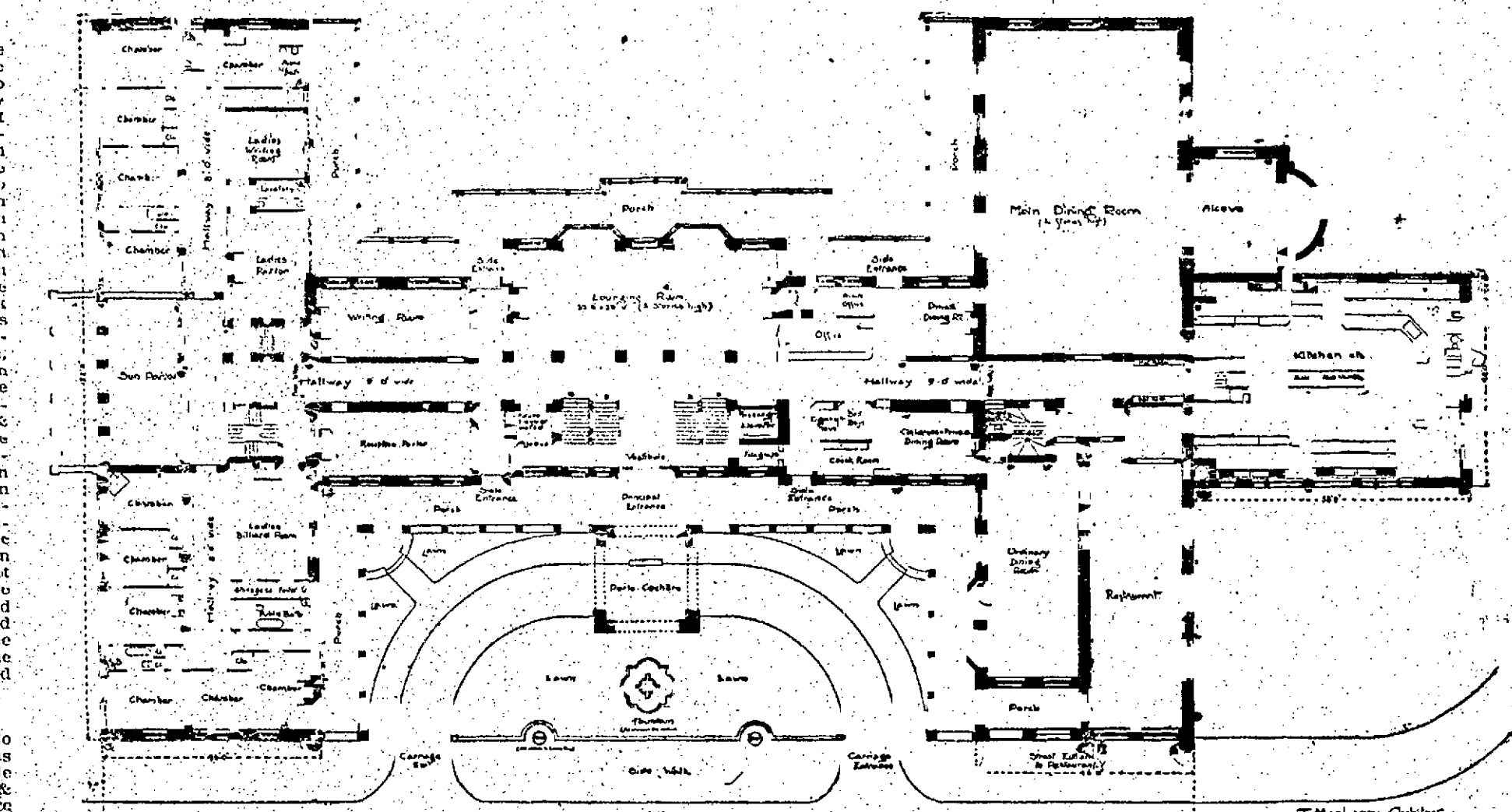
The company desires me to thank you sincerely for the very intelligent and complete study you have given to the subject of its best requirements and for the effort to meet these in your plans. They desire me to say that this effort was so nearly successful that it has been with great difficulty that a decision has been come to as between the successful competitor and yourself. Ultimately, however, the parties subscribing the large amount of new capital required to erect the hotel on an enlarged scale, although recognizing the near equality in merit and adaptability to our wants of your plans, with those of your competitor, concluded to give preference to the latter.

In token of their appreciation of your admirable plans and of your zealous work in behalf of this company, the treasurer has been directed to send you a check for \$750, of which I beg your acceptance. I remain, with high esteem, Very truly yours,

(Signed) Wm. C. Palmer, President.

The Accepted Design.

In the accepted design, as in fact, to a large extent in the others as well, great attention has been paid to giving the guests of the house the best benefit of their surroundings. The south end of the building will be taken up to a great extent with light, airy rooms, looking out over the new city park and the old Antlers park, and existing windows accessible to the world-famous Colorado sunshine which has been the prolongation of ten thousand lives.



CASCADE AVENUE FLOOR.
(Design of T. MacLaren.)

Gold Deposits in the Philippines.

At this distance and with the slight exploratory work which has been carried on in the Philippine islands, the mineral wealth that can be profitably exported are best known. Mr. George E. Becker, in his recent investigation, has given a very clear view of the present mineral exploration in the Philippines, and has shown that gold is found in a great number of localities in the archipelago, from northern Luzon to central Mindanao. In most cases the gold is obtained in the form of small nuggets and drawings and cash shall be transformed into one of stone and brick, until the dream of the year shall have become a realization to remain throughout many generations.

New Life for Cuba.

The condition of the people in Cuba today is one of extreme poverty, and in many provinces there is great suffering for want of food. The people, contrary to the statements of those who are fond of charging the Cubans with being lazy and unwilling to work, are not only willing but anxious to work. The problem has never been one of finding workers, but of giving work to those who wished it. The present condition of the country is such that there is an enormous amount of work which is absolutely necessary should be done in the near future, such as the opening of roads, building of bridges, telegraph lines, rebuilding of little towns and villages that have been destroyed.

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stroyed; in short, the restoration of the country, great sections of which have been absolutely destroyed by war. We have been able to open up many of the main roads, and the towns in order, and, in fact, scatter the people over the country in honest labor on public works, in return for which they have received either a daily wage of 15 cents or 50 cents and a ration. In some cases they have received three or four rations a day for ten hours' work, with no money, and by this method many laborers have been able to feed their families. The result has been that, all through the province, the people have gradually gone to work in one way or another. Of course, they are desperate, poor, yet all my officers and couriers, both American and Cuban, report no starvation and, generally speaking, a quiet, contented condition of the people. (Clar-o General Leonard Wood in North American Review.)

AN IRREPRESSIBLE CANAL.

History of the Nicaraguan Route in a Nutshell.

In the early days of the nineteenth century, Alexander von Humboldt, the great German traveler and naturalist, called attention to the feasibility of constructing a canal across Nicaragua.

In 1825 the congress of the so-called United States of Central America decreed the digging of an interoceanic canal through Nicaragua.

In 1826, Henry Clay, then Secretary of state, ordered an examination of the route, passed a resolution in favor of the canal, and a Mr. Biddle was deputed by President Jackson to explore the route.

In 1839, J. L. Stevens executed a confidential mission for the United States, signed a contract with a firm for the construction of the canal. The concession lapsed.

In 1849 Cornelius Vanderbilt got a concession from Nicaragua for an overland route, hauling his passengers, who were attracted to California, by the gold excitement by coach and by boat.

In 1850 the Clayton-Bulwer treaty between Great Britain and the United States was signed, guaranteeing the neutrality of all waterways across Nicaragua.

In 1851 Mr. Vanderbilt organized the American Atlantic and Pacific canal company, instructing the survey of a route from Brito to San Juan del Norte via Lake Nicaragua to Colonel O. W. Childs of Philadelphia, who laid the foundations for all subsequent surveys.

In 1856, Rear Admiral C. H. Davis, United States navy, reported to the United States government on the C. O. S. survey. He advised against the canal. In 1859 the Vanderbilt monopoly, which has proved so valuable, came to an end by reason of the opening of the Panama railway.

In 1872 an expedition was sent out by the United States government to report on the general scheme of an isthmus canal.

In 1873 the route was surveyed and reported on by Commander Lull, aided by Mr. A. G. Menocal, who has been identified with all the later surveys.

In 1876 a report was submitted to the president of the United States by General Humphreys, Mr. Patterson and Commodore Ammen, who had been appointed as members of a Nicaraguan canal commission.

In 1878 the president of the United States dispatched Admiral Ammen and Mr. A. G. Menocal as delegates to the international congress at Paris.

In 1879 work was begun on the Panama canal under De Lesseps, who only to be abandoned a few years later.

In 1885 the entire route was examined by Mr. Menocal.

In 1886, a private association of American capitalists was formed to forward the enterprise.

In 1887 the route was re-located by an engineering party led by Mr. Menocal.

In 1888 the Maritime Canal company of Nicaragua was organized and incorporated by the congress of the United States.

In 1890 the construction company was organized, a part of the enterprise was actually commenced.

In 1893 a bill passed the United States senate extending the feasibility of the route of \$7,000,000 to the enterprise, but it failed to pass the house.

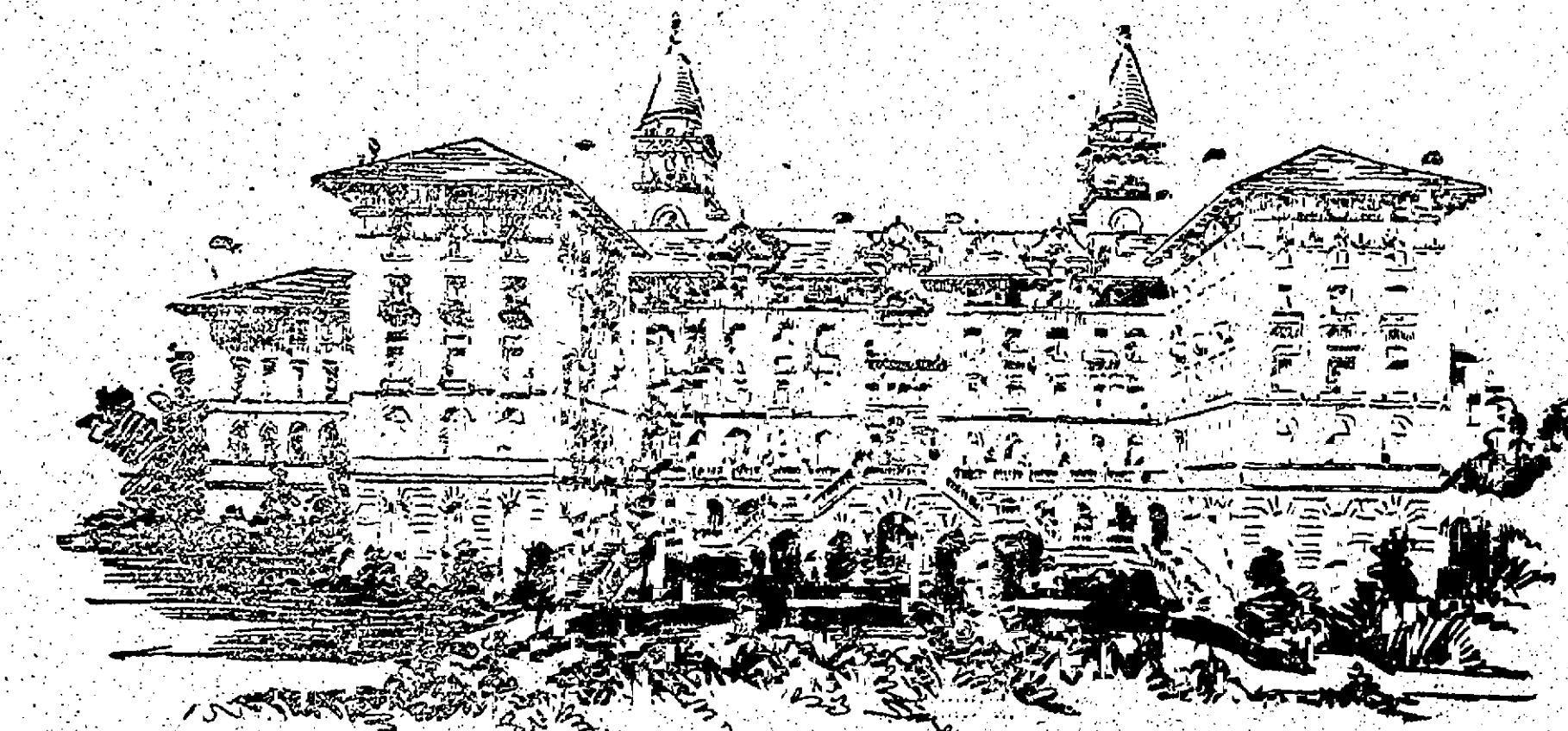
In 1895 a commission was appointed by the president of the United States to report upon the feasibility of the route. It was composed as follows: Col. Ludlow, United States navy; Mr. T. Endicott, United States navy; and John Noble, of Chicago. This commission was accompanied by Mr. Menocal, acting in an unofficial capacity, and its recommendations were unfavorable.

In 1897 the president of the United States appointed another commission to examine the route, consisting of Rear Admiral Walker, Prof. L. M. Haupt and Colonel Hains. This commission made a preliminary report last December. It declared the route "entirely feasible." Two members estimated the cost at \$123,000,000 or \$124,000,000, and the third, Colonel Hains, 20 per cent. more. The full report of the commission has not yet been completed.

In 1898 the new Panama Canal company, which succeeded to the interests and rights of the unfortunate company of De Lesseps, sent a private commission to the isthmus, which made a report favorable to the completion of the work by constructing a system of locks with locks; De Lesseps' original plan called for a straight cut as at Suez.

In January, 1899, the United States senate passed a bill, by a large majority, to purchase the concessions and rights of the Maritime Canal company and appropriating a sum to push forward the work, but the house failed to concur.

In March, 1899, congress authorized the appointment of another commission to investigate both the Panama and Nicaragua routes and appropriate \$1,000,000 to pay the expenses of the surveys and the examination. At the same time the reorganized Panama Canal company chartered a ship and invited senators and members of congress to make a journey to the Isthmus of Panama to judge of the respective merits of the two routes. (The Manufacturer.)



WEST FRONT OF NEW ANTILERS.
(Plan of Varian & Sterner.)

The floor plan of the new building is presented, giving the people the first definite idea as to what the new Antilers will be.

All Are Convinced.

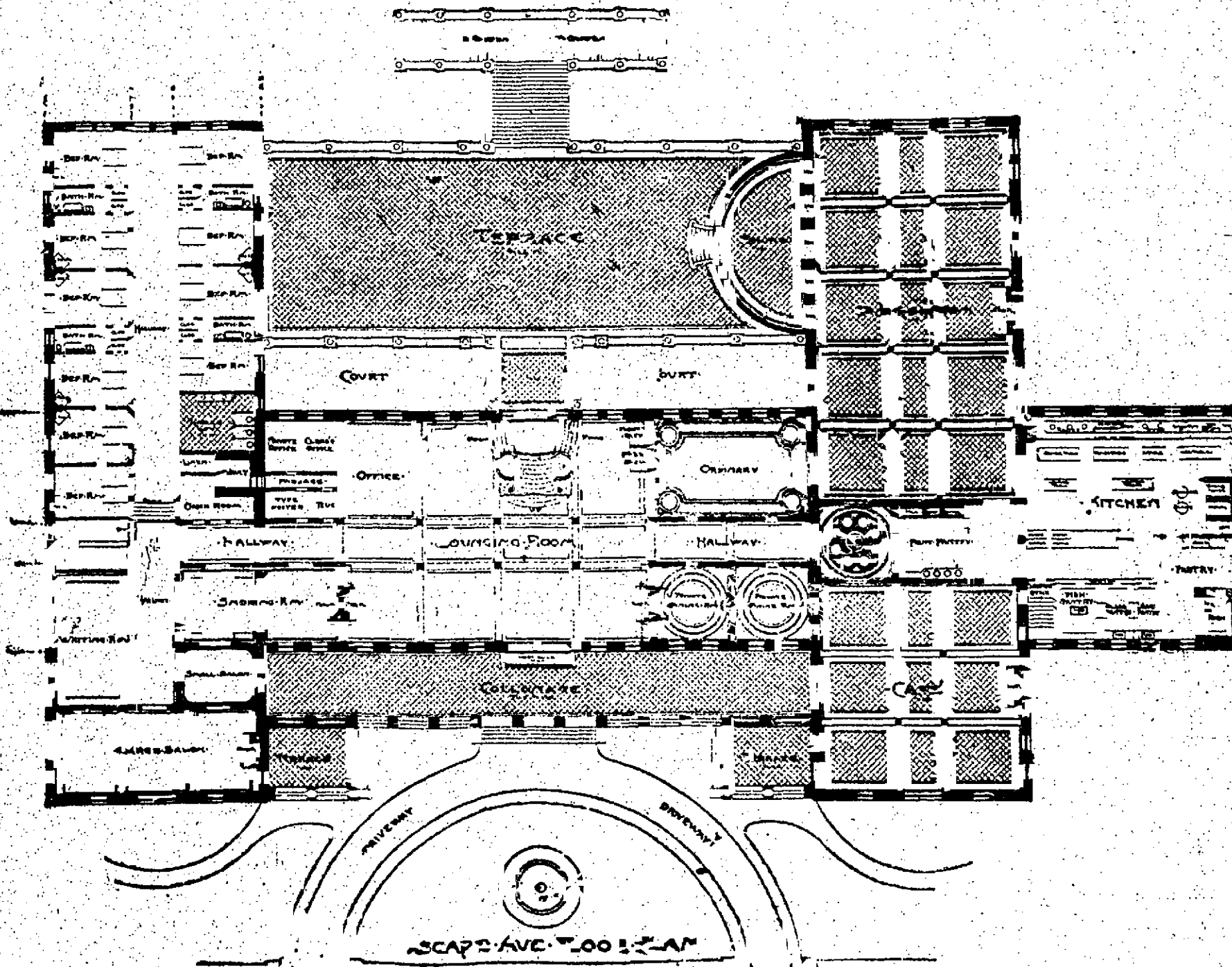
Since the announcement of last week, above referred to, there has been no one foolish enough to doubt that the Antilers was to be replaced, and that very soon. It is likewise acknowledged at the present time that the new building, which is to be put into the new building, and the long and careful deliberation which has been given the plans which were submitted, by the six competing architects, assure a much better and more complete building than was possessed by the city of Colorado Springs before the big fire of October 1st.

The greatest interest, however, will be taken by the people in the picture which is afforded, from this morning, of the floor plan of the new hotel. A glance will show that it is conceived in a degree of completeness and convenience not dreamed of by the most sanguine. The Cascade avenue floor is the one presented, this being the second floor of the building from the west or Antlers park side.

The Competition for Places.

As is well known to those who have followed the developments in the matter of reconstruction of the Antilers, the Colorado Springs Hotel company has won the respect and admiration of the whole architectural world. In its conduct of the competition for plans for the new hotel, to be erected for Colorado Springs, six of the leading architects of the United States, recognized as such throughout the country, were asked to present plans for the hotel, and all responded eagerly to the invitation. All were paid for their work, as it was not desired that any one should put the work upon a set of plans, which must necessarily be put upon anything which would meet the requirements of the case, and then take five chances out of six that his work would be fruitless.

Accordingly, when the six plans had been submitted and a given careful consideration, the company found itself unable to select either of two, both of which met the requirements in many particulars, and neither of which seemed superior to the other. In order that these plans might be returned to their makers for improvement or alteration, it was necessary to ascertain the names of the architects who had submitted them, and it was discovered that the two were both Colorado architects, Messrs. Varian & Sterner, of Denver, and T. MacLaren, of Colorado Springs. After several days of work by these architects their plans were re-submitted and after several days of con-



CASCADE AVENUE FLOOR.
(Design of Varian & Sterner.)

OVER-SEAS WORKS OF VICTORIA

30. EXECUTIVE BOARD

W. L. COOK, AT LEAST \$50,000

Messrs. Tull, Penrose and MacNeill

of this city are interested in the

Mill - What Has Been Done Recently

in the Way of Addition and

Improvement - A 100-Ton

Roaster Will Be Put in Operation

Has Ample Financial Backing.

The works of the National Gold

Extraction company at Florence, Colo.,

have recently been improved and en-

larged, and something like \$30,000 has

been expended in this work. Operations

have been resumed and will be con-

tinued steadily. The mills belonging to

this company were erected by Colorado

Spring, capital, the officers of the com-

pany being Charles L. Tull, president,

C. K. MacNeill, vice president, and

Spencer Penrose, secretary and treas-

urer.

The additions that have been made

have made a complete transformation in

the plant.

To the power house an addition on 40x60

has been erected, and a new 90-horse

power boiler is being set, with enough

room to spare for another boiler. The

boilers (entirely new) used by the two

companies have been reset until every-

thing in this department has been

entirely changed.

An addition three stories high, 20x35,

has been made to the barrel house and

a 100-ton barrel was being elevated to

a position along the side of the mill

story. By the addition of this barrel

the chlorination department is increased

to 100 tons every 24 hours.

To the cooling room an addition of

50x60 has been made.

Roasting Capacity.

The roasting capacity will not be in-

creased at present, but before next win-

ter it is the intention of the company to

put in a 100-ton roaster.

Just north of the mill has been erected

a large concentrator for treating tail-

ings by the Wilfley process, but the Na-

tional company will own and operate it

on its own hook.

At Goldfield, where the company's

sampler is located, changes have been

made which cost \$5,000. This work is

practically completed, but the sampler

will not start for about 10 days or so

to the completion of the mill at this point.

The improvements to the works in

issues, particularly the "united," to-

ler with a few "prospects." For

these days the volume of trading in

these stocks is larger than at any

time in the history of the past three

months, with a few cases prices

reaching the highest yet attained.

The advance, which in many cases

has been in excess of 100 per cent,

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RESULTS OF PRESENT TESTS

Ore That By Other Processes Did

Not Pay the Cost of Treatment

Said to Have Yielded \$20 a Ton,

or \$10 a Ton Profit, By This Pro-

cess - Small Test Mill Will Be

Erected to Demonstrate the Val-

ue of This Method - Something

About the Process.

There are for times in a good

many mine owners in Mr. Charles H.

can demonstrate to their satisfaction

what he himself is now confident of.

By a chemical process which Mr. H.

has discovered, he claims to be able

to treat any kind of ore at a cost not

to exceed \$1 per ton, and in many cases

as low as 50 cents per ton, depending

upon the character of the ore. In no

case will the cost of treatment exceed

\$1 per ton, and the process, as run-

ning as low as \$1.50 and \$2 a ton

in gold can be treated at a profit.

The work has long been seeking a

process whereby low-grade gold ore

could be treated cheaply enough to in-

sure a good profit. There have been

many processes, evened and tested,

but as yet none of them has succeeded

in doing the work at such low cost

as is necessary. The process discovered

by Mr. H. will revolutionize the min-

ing industry if he can prove to others

that he himself believes he can do.

Tests recently made by this city

to confirm a fact that he says, and

arrangements are being made for the

erection of a small sampling mill in

this city, that will treat about 100

tons per day, and designed to demon-

strate that his process is a success.

Some Recent Tests.

From a lot of 200 pounds which was

recently given to Mr. H. for treat-

ment, he extracted a gold button worth

\$2. The first tests on this same ore

were made by the use of the process

with proper fluxing, and a button of

\$27 in gold to the ton was obtained.

The cost of fluxing was more than the

ore was worth, however, rendering the

process useless. From this ore Mr.

H. obtained gold buttons and values

of \$20 in gold to the ton, at a cost of

less than \$1 a ton for treatment. This

test was witnessed by several local

gentlemen, and was made in the store

of one of our merchants, and these men

SHARES ARE SELLING HEAVILY

AT A BIG ADVANCE IN PRICE.

It is Understood that Several Mil-

lion Dollars Worth Have Been

Sold - All Lots Put on the Market

Largely Over Subscribed - Better

Than \$12 Per Share.

Cable advices received in this city

yesterday announce the fact that \$2,

11, 3, or about \$24.50, is being bid in

London for Stratton's Independence

shares.

It is understood further that several

million collars' worth of the shares

have been placed on the English mar-

ket, and although the price is not

successively advanced in price, all have

been eagerly over-subscribed.

The price value of the stock is \$2

per share, or \$25 per share, about five

days ago, have been advanced to \$25

and have advanced to \$25.12, 12, 12

and \$25.45, according to the London

stock exchange quotation.

Cripple Creek Stock

Work in Progress in Sections

That Have Been Considered

Outside the Mineral Belt.

The recent rise in the price of stocks

is attributed not to the price of stocks

in the mines, but to the fact that the

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Jennie Sample and Golden Wedge

Veins Have Been Found in that

Property - Another Important

Strike Reported by Lessees on

the Damon - New Mining Com-

pany.

Special to the Gazette:

Cripple Creek, May 15.-Since the

Creston Creek many opened up

strikes in a bonanza of gold, not on Raven

hill, a little over a year ago the west

slope of the hill has undergone a com-

plete change. A number of steam

plants have been erected on surround-

ing properties and these are constantly

being added to. The Creston Leasing

company is operating about 50 tons a

day but other properties are making an

equally good showing.

The Mary Sample mining company work-

ings, which started operations about five

days ago, have marketed 200 tons of ore

of first and second grade value at four

and a half ounces to a ton, and

respectively. Today it is estimated that

the richest ore yet found on the prop-

erty was uncovered on Saturday last

at a depth of about 15 feet from the

surface. In this drift the vein has

widened out to four feet, seven to 18

inches of which is rich siliceous quartz

veins not exceeding a foot in width.

entire four feet of the vein will run

